



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

May 23, 2014

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

This year's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26th, at 9:00 AM. The parade will depart from the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot on Storrs Street, proceeding up Pleasant Street Extension and turning right onto Main Street. The parade will continue past the State Capitol, turn left onto State Street and halt at the Old North Cemetery for a short ceremony. The parade will then head south on State Street and proceed to the State House Plaza, for the closing ceremony in front of the War Memorial.



CITY CEMETERIES PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Cemetery Division of the Parks & Recreation Department has been very busy preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. In addition to mowing and trimming, staff have prepared 414 flower beds at the cemeteries and planted thousands of flowers (funds for which are provided by the Flower Trust Fund), including geraniums, marigolds, Dusty Millers, blue ageratum, petunias, and German ivy. Staff also put wreaths and flower arrangements on 21 graves that families purchased many years ago. A special trust fund provides the funds for these arrangements. The Cemetery Office worked with veterans to develop a list and maps for American flag placement for the 3,240 veterans buried in Concord cemeteries. American flags have been placed by volunteers in eleven Concord and two Penacook cemeteries.



The Cemetery Office at Blossom Hill has additional American flags available for any veterans, if needed. The Cemetery Office at Blossom Hill will be open to the public from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM this weekend and from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM on Memorial Day.

ELECTION PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES

In accordance with RSA 654:34, June 3, 2014 is the last day for registered voters to change their party affiliation prior to the September 9, 2014 State Primary. Residents wishing to change their party affiliation may do so at the City Clerk's Office any weekday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, or until 6:00 PM on Thursdays. No change of party forms will be accepted after June 3, 2014.

Residents with questions as to what their party affiliation currently is may inquire via e-mail to cityclerk@concordnh.gov or by phone at 225-8500. Residents may also check to see how they are currently registered to vote by visiting the Voter Information Lookup section of the NH Secretary of State's website at <http://sos.nh.gov>.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Memorial Day, City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 26th.

HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no trash or recycling collection on Monday, May 26th. Next week's collection routes will run one day behind schedule.

DOWNTOWN FOUNTAINS



The Public Properties staff of the General Services Department have completed the spring cleaning of the fountains in Bicentennial and Eagle Squares. Both fountains are operational for the Memorial Day weekend, marking the beginning of the summer season.

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CONCORD WATER QUALITY REPORT



The 2014 Concord Water Quality Report has been published and is available online at www.concordnh.gov/water.

Those who would like a printed copy of the report may request one by calling the Water Treatment Plant at 225-8696, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:15 AM and 3:15 PM.

PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER / FALL BROCHURE



The Parks & Recreation Department's summer brochure has been delivered to area students and registration is now underway for all activities. This brochure covers all pools, summer camps, and special events and activities for the next several months. To view the brochure online, visit www.concordnh.gov and go to the Parks & Recreation page.

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

Next week, the contractor will continue to install electrical conduit and drainage in Penacook Village. Time permitting, they will begin to remove curbing and lower utility covers in the travel way. This work will continue between the bridge and Boudreau Square. Traffic delays are expected.



PARALLEL TAXIWAY PROJECT

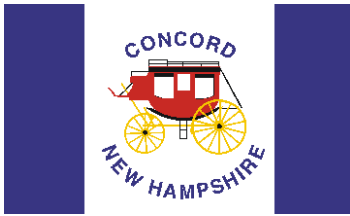
Next week, Continental Paving will be completing sub base along the east end of the taxiway and will begin to install the electrical wiring for the taxiway lights and signage at the Concord Municipal Airport. F.L. Merrill Construction will complete the drainage along the west end and will begin to place select materials for the sub base.



WATER TREATMENT PLANT PUMP REPAIR & TOUR

Students from St. Paul's School recently toured the Water Treatment Plant and had an opportunity to witness an emergency repair of a failed raw water pump. The plant has three raw water pumps: a primary pump, a secondary pump for heavy summer consumption, and a back-up pump. One pump was already under repair and then a second pump stopped working. Although not a state of emergency, this caused Concord's water flow to be supplied with only one pump and without any back-up. Temporary emergency pumps were put into place in case the last pump failed. The back-up pump was restored within 48 hours of discovery. Watch our video of the Water Treatment Plant tour on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).





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CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

CALLED AGAIN

By Jennifer Pharr Davis

On **Wednesday, May 28th**, at **7:00 PM**, *Jennifer Pharr Davis*, a three-time Appalachian Trail thru-hiker and 2012 National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, will talk about her latest book, *Called Again*, at the Concord Public Library. *Called Again* chronicles her 2011 record-breaking trek, completing the Appalachian Trail in 46 days. Join us to hear her inspiring story of adventure, hardship, pain and triumph. This event is made possible through the generous support of AMC-NH.

MEMORIAL DAY

As **Memorial Day** approaches, please pause and consider the true meaning of the holiday.



Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who have died while defending our nation and its values.

While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day.

CITY ROCK 'N RACE TEAM

For the second year in a row, the City of Concord's Wellness Team put together a Rock 'N Race team to benefit the Payson Center for Cancer Care at Concord Hospital. A total of 50 employees and family members participated in last week's 5k race, raising over \$1,100. The race, selected by the editors of New Hampshire Magazine as the "Best Community Running Event," is in its 12th year in Concord. Through 2013, the Rock 'N Race has raised over \$3 million for the Payson Center for Cancer Care.



"EYE CONTACT", THE SAFEST WAY TO CROSS THE STREET

You need to walk across Main Street, or for that matter, any street in the city. A small group of cars is just rolling by, so you wait a few seconds for them to pass before approaching the curb to indicate your intention to cross. The next car that approaches appears to be slowing for you. As the vehicle slows to a stop, you and the driver both make "eye contact". That's a pretty solid confirmation that the driver sees, and is stopping, for you. It also confirms to the driver your intention to cross. Now is the safest time for you to step in front of the stopped vehicle and cross that lane. You may need to repeat the process if other drivers are approaching in other lanes.



Crosswalks, signs and signals are in place to provide information to both drivers and pedestrians that helps facilitate safe street crossings. But these alone do not ensure a safe street crossing. Distractions happen to the best of us, drivers and pedestrians alike. Confirming that a vehicle is stopping for YOU because you have made eye contact with the driver is what really seals the deal. It only takes a moment, and don't forget to say "thanks!"